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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: **Kazuhiko Hara, et al.** Group Art Unit: **Not Yet Known**

Application No.: **Div. of 09/041,890** Examiner: **Not Yet Known**

Filed: **Concurrently Herewith**

For: **INK CARTRIDGE FOR INK JET RECORDER AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME**

Date: **August 7, 2001**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT and INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Container body 1 includes a bottom wall 1a, a front wall 1b and a back wall 1c extending upwardly from bottom wall 1a, and two side walls 1d extending upwardly from bottom wall 1a (Figs. 2, 3) and positioned between front wall 1b and back wall 1c. The distance from front wall 1b to back wall 1c and between side walls 1d gradually increases as walls 1b, 1c, 1d extend from bottom wall 1a to an opening 1e of container body 1 such that the cross sectional area of opening 1e is larger than the cross sectional area of bottom wall 1a.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 17, and continuing to the next page, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Container body 1 is divided by a plurality of partitions 2, 3 and 4 to form three ink chambers 271, 272 and 273 for storing ink, with each chamber having a corresponding foam

chamber 160, 161 and 162. Each foam chamber 160, 161, 162 is designed and constructed to accommodate a respective porous body 150, 151, 152, preferably made of a resilient material suitable for absorbing ink. Three ink supply ports 180, 181 and 182 are formed in bottom wall 1a below foam chambers 160, 161 and 162, respectively. Ink supply ports 180, 181 and 182 may be formed in front wall 1b, back wall 1c or side walls 1d. Packing members 15 fit into respective ink supply ports 180, 181, 182. A respective seal 16 is disposed over each packing member 15. Each ink chamber 271, 272, 273 is designed to contain a quantity of liquid ink 67.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-15 and 29 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein.

REMARKS

Claims 16-28 are pending in this application. Claims 1-15 and 29 have been cancelled, since some of those claims stand allowed in parent application no. 09/041,890. The specification has been revised to conform to several changes made in the parent case. Claims 16-20 and 25 are independent.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

The cited references constitute the prior art of record from parent application 09/041,890. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) and M.P.E.P. § 609, copies of the listed documents have not been enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION MARKED TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 11, with the following:

Container body 1 includes a bottom wall 1a, a front wall 1b and a back wall 1c extending upwardly from bottom wall 1a, and two side walls 1d extending upwardly from bottom wall 1a (Figs. 2, 3) and positioned between front wall 1b and back wall 1c. The distance from front wall 1b to back wall 1c and between side walls 1d gradually increases as walls 1b, 1c, 1d extend from bottom wall 1a to an opening 1e of container body 1 such that the cross sectional area of opening 1e is larger than the cross sectional area of bottom wall 1a.

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